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PLEASED TO HEAR IRAN MAY BE JOINING RANKS OF CONTRIBUTORS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR EMBASSY TEHRAN TO CONTACT IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IFROUZ DURING HIS VISIT TO TEHRAN (REFTEL) AND TELL HIM THAT WE IN NIAMEY WILL BE GLAD TO WORK WITH IRANIANS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND TO CONTRIBUTE WHATEVER LOCAL EXPERTISE WE MAY HAVE TO DESIGN OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS HE WILL BE CONSIDERING. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT PROPOSED IRANIAN FUND SHOULD IN ADDITION TO FEATURES IN REFTEL INCLUDE PROVISION FOR OUTRIGHT GRANTS FOR SOME PROJECTS. ECONOMY OF NIGER HAS BEEN SHATTERED BY DROUGHT AND ITS TRADE EARNINGS LAST YEAR WERE VIRTUALLY NIL. THEREFORE, UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT NIGER TO TAKE ON MANY LOANS EVEN OF A LONG-TERM SOFT NATURE AND URGING THEM ON GON COULD

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ACTUALLY BE A DISSERVICE. MOST OF DROUGHT RELIEF AND RECOVERY

PROJECTS (INCLUDING US,GERMAN, FRENCH, EUROPEAN COMMON
MARKET) HAVE BEEN ON GRANT BASIS.
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